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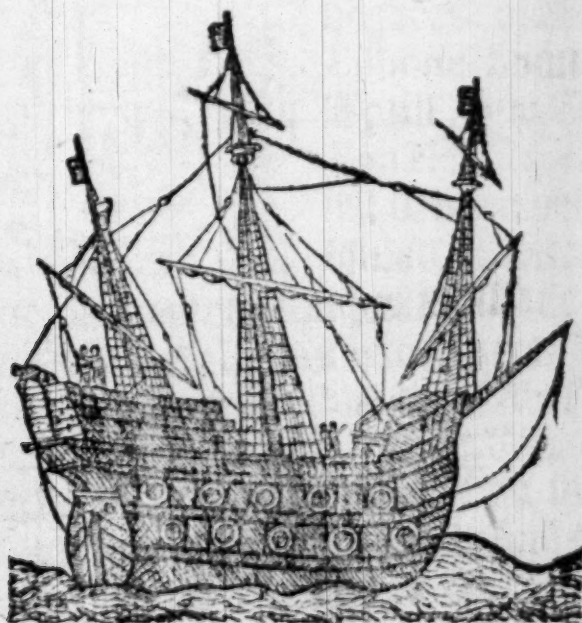
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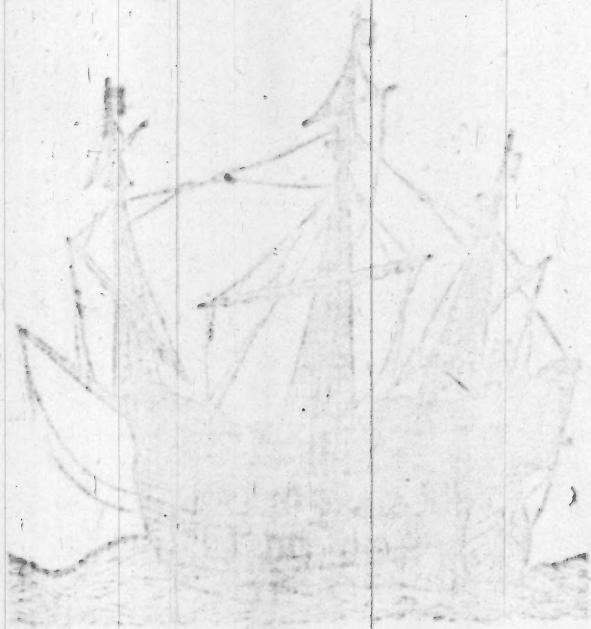


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the British Squadron of War, reported by
a letter written a short time
after the engagement in the same, and
published by the Admiralty.



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A COPIE OF A LET-
ter written out of the Hollan-
dors *Fleet at sea, the fourth*
of May. 1607. *Stilo*
Nono translated.

Being vnder the hight of 36 .
degrees, or afore the river of
Lisbone vpon the tenth of
Aprill. our Admirall Iacob
Van Hemsterk and his coun-
sell Determined and fully re-
solved, to enter into the said
river withall our shippes to assaile and spoile the
Caracks & Gallions lying there, but being cer-
tainely aduertised that the Carackts were gon
and that the Gallions being 8. or 9. were wholly
burigged & their ordinance on shoare, so as it
would bee two monthes before they could bee
ready, the aforesaid resolution was for that time
staied; & the rather for that diuers English and
French shippes comming out of Saint Lucar &
Cales, brought vs certaine newes that not long
before their comming forth, fifteene Spanish
ships

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shippes of warre of Saint Lucar and Cales, had put to sea and were gone to the straights of Gibraltar, being eleuen Gallions and the rest smaller merchants ships as then made men of war: whereupon we resolved to follow and finde them out, but the winde being at East, wee met a Flossinger called Loy Sailemaker that came out of the straights the 22. of Aprill and shewed vs that the night before hee had beene in companie with the Spanish fleete, and that in the morning finding himselfe alone without company, hee supposed they had taken their course for Cales for with an easterlie winde they might come out of the straights. Upon the 24. of Aprill the winde comming westerly wee past close by the barre of Saint Lucar and Bay of Cales, but could not heare that the Gallions had put in ther, for wee were resolved to set upon those Gallions that lay within that Bay: But the same day hauing otherwise Determined wee sailed forwarde to the straights of Gibraltar intending to finde out those Gallions or Spanish Nauie and to assaile them. Upon the 25 of Aprill comming before the towne of Tangier vpon the coast of Barbary lying in the mouth of the straights, and finding the Gallions not there, the Admiral sent for his Counsell aboard his shippe, where it was resolutely determined, that if the Spanish Nauie were in the Bay of Gibraltar they would

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would set vpon them, although it were in their owne hauē and vnder shot both of the towne and Castle, and to end wee tooke order in what sort to assaile them, which was first our Admirall with Captaine Lambert Hindrickson of Rotterdam being Rereadmirall should set vpon and board the Spanish Admirall and our Vice Admirall and Captaine Bras of Horne should fight with the Spanish Vice Admirall and so euery one in order: At last comming to the Bay of Gibraltar and finding the Spanish army there, presently wee began with Gods helpe to proceede in our resolution in such order as time and place required, where wee found 21. shippes amongst which were some frenchmen Emdeners and other Merchants shippes, vpon our approach the Spanish Admira'l wayed Anchor and went neerer the towne and lay by foure other Gallions but the Viceadmiral lay still hauing aboard 450. men, as the prisoners after certified vs, the Admirall had 100. Caueliers out of the towne that voluntarily came aboard to help him although hee was well prouided of men before, all this notwithstanding and although he had th'advantage of th'ordnance of the towne and castels yet our Admirall and Captaine Lambert of Rotterdam valiantly boarded him, and the rest of our ships as well as they could set vpon the rest of the Gallions, and also vpon the Spanish Vice Admirall

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Admirall; And after wee had fought in that most furious assault both with ordinance and forceable bourding their Ships 4 howers or thereabouts by Gods helpe we got the victory, all the Gallions being spoiled battered and burnt were driue on ground & amongst the rest the Admirall of 800 tonnes, called S. Augustine wherein the generall called Don Iohn Alveres Dauila bozne in Astorga was slaine, beeing an olde experienced Souldiour that had serued at Sea in Don Iohn de Austria his time, also the Vice Admirall was slaine and the Coronell of the Souldiours and all the Captaines of their Nauie, the Gallions and the rest of the Spanish ships were presently burnt downe to the water, whercof two did driue on shore but so spoyled that they were altogether vnseruiceable, thi'n signes, streamers and pendants of the Admirall, Vice Admirall and other Gallions we tooke with vs and some other pillage, but by reason of the terrible fyer in the Spanish Vice Admirall and other Gallions that were on fire and ranne on ground wee could not bring any Ships or Ordnance away, for we were in great daunger of fire our selues, & diuers of vs had work enough to do to quench the fire that had gotten into the, but God of his mercie preserved vs. Of all the men in the Spanish armie but few escaped, for the Road of Gibraltar shewed as if it had bin sowed with Spaniards

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Spaniards that leapt ouer-boord, & those that we took confessed that they were 4000. men in the *Naue*. We tooke 50. prisoners, one whereof was the Generalls sonne called Iohn Alueres Dauila Captaine of the Gallion called *S Augustine*. In this fight we lost our valiant Generall Iacob Van Hemsterk, who with an honorable and braue resolution vnderooke this fight and with the aide of the Vice Admirall Captaine Lambert of Rotterdam, and Captaine Peter Williamson brauely ouercame & by gods helps banquished there enemy. The 26. of April we brought our ships from before the town and castell, for with their continual shooting they did vs much hurt, and being without their reach were manned out some of our boates and sente, them to the burnt ships which lay vpon the shore, which the spaniards on land perceiuing wente themselues to set the admiralls ship on fire, which lay all hotte and toyne vpon the strande, and so they did that which we ment to haue doon. In this fight there was at least 8000. greate shotte discharged and was hardily & furiously fought, being fearefull and terrible to behold when the spanish gallions began to burne, especially when fire came to their powder, it shewed as if newe clouds and lightning had risen out of the sea and mounted into the skie by a sailer called Gouert an English man but gaue himselfe out for one of

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Emdden, that was taken prisoner by the Spanish general and set at liberty vpon our approach to bee aduised and counselled by him what were best to bee done: wee were aduertised that the Admirall would not beleue wee durst be so bold to bould him in the Kings Bay or haue, and especially vnder the shot of the towne and Castle of Gibraltar, which contrary to their expectation wee made them feele. The Spanish Generall had certaine aduise before of our coming how many shippes of warre wee had and withpro-
uant shippes and Souldiours. Amongst other thinges that wee tooke wee found the Kings secret instructions signed with the King of Spaines owne hand lo el Rey whereby we perceiue what vnaccustomed tyranny the said King had commaunded him to execute and to torment the naturall borne inhabitantes of the nether lands especially the Hollanders and Zelanders and all their adherents, so that other nations by this commision were not altogether exempted. The 27. of Aprill wee set saile and put out of the bay of Gibraltar, and made toward the coast of Barbary, first going to Chuta and entered so far into that bay that they shotte at vs both from the towne and other places of the shore, there the Portugallies in great numbers gott vpon their horses, fearing to bee dealt withall as they were at Gibraltar: but because of the vnfitnes and bad
secur ty

security of the place, we sayled further to the bay of Titnan fife Miles from Chuta to rigge our ships for that many of them were unfurnished of Bore-sprits, Mastes, Sailes, Cordage and other things, and had beene shottethrough and fired in bourding the Spanish Gallions: and comming beefore Titnan (a place vnder the Turks and Moores commaund) wee were very welcome vnto them; and vpon the 28. of April the gouernor with many Turkish getlemen came abourd our ships bidding vs welcome offering vs all fauour and friendship hee could asorde vs, and to aide vs withall wee stood in neede off for our wounded men or otherwise: hee and all his company and country seeming to bee glad of the victory which (by Gods helpe) we had obtained against the Spaniards. The fourth of May at Titnan fife miles from Chuta vpon the coast of Barbary wee new rigged and prepared our ships (which were sore battred) of all necessaries, staying Gods pleasure for an Easterly winde to passe the straights, and once againe to seeke after our enemies, deuiding our Fleet into foure squadrons, the Admirall beeing accompanied with seuen other shippes of warre and the like in euery squadron. The Admirall Monsieur Hemsterk that was slaine was a very wise and well experienced man, who with greate paine, labour and industry had beene twice in the count

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Streights of Weygaues, and at the East Indies,
where in his last voyage he overcame and took
the great rich Carackts comming from Malacho
in China, with whome of good will and affection
toward him many men ventured their lues in
this voyage, as amongst others Ioris Van Spil-
berg that hath beene both in the East and West
Indies and imployed in this flecte as Commis-
ry, and one of the Counsell of warre, generall
captaine of the Zeland Souldiers, and diuerse
other captaines.

THE
*Names of the Spanish Gallions that
were spoiled and burnt with many
others, wherof the names are not known.*

The Admirall S Augustine

*The vice-admirall nostra Seniora de-
la vera*

*The reareadmirall nostra Seniora ma-
dre*

dre de dios

The S Anna

Nostra Seniora de la Regla

Nostra Seniora de conception

The S Christopher

Nostra Seniora de los dolores

The S Michael

Nostra Seniora del Rosario

Nostra Seniora de lo O

The S Peter

Yours to command,

I.V.S.